

SECRET**KHARKOV****1. Location****a. Administrative**

The city is the capital of Kharkov Oblast, Ukrainian SSR.

2. History**a. The city's role in World War II:**

(2) According to records of the German 57th Infantry and 101st Light Infantry divisions, the city was taken by these units on 24 Oct 1941. It was first liberated by Soviet troops on 16 Feb 1943, then retaken by the Germans on 14 Mar 1943, and liberated again by the Soviets on 23 Aug 1943.

Partial list of German city commanders:

24 Oct 41 to 13 Dec 41: Gen. Anton Dostler

3 Jan 42 to ? : Genlt. v. Puttkammer (Korueck, Sixth Army)

Jan 1942: Of the city's present population of 420,000 the Germans were able to feed only 24,000 civilian laborers in their employ, and 2,000 Ethnic Germans residing there.

In the course of police measures taken by the Sicherheitspolizei und SD during Mar 1942 against increasing Bolshevik influence, 1,932 persons were found to be agitators and subversive elements and were subsequently executed. The same treatment was meted out to 64 Jews guilty of being equipped with false papers, having spread malicious rumors, or having kept in hiding from the Germans.

By May 1942, 15,629 men and 11,366 women had been transported to the Reich for labor.

On 4 Jun 1943, rations for civilians were curtailed 25 percent.

During the same month, orders were issued according to which all materials not needed for the next three months' production were to be confiscated by the Germans.

In Jul 1943, in the course of preparations for the evacuation of the city, all scientific institutes were dissolved, their equipment and personnel earmarked for transfer to Germany.

A report covering the first week of August 1943 indicated that the removal of industrial equipment to Germany was continuing.

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SECRET**3. Population**

a. Total number: 193,000 (German census of May 1943)

b. Statistics of the German Main Food Office (Hauptnahrungsamt) for Oct 1942 present; the following picture of the labor situation under the occupation:

Number of persons supplied with food	268,201
incapable of performing work	29,820
family members of workers	136,770
ordinary workers	82,306 (incl. 5,767 PW)
heavy laborers	19,305 (incl. 4,562 PW)

c. Ethnic composition of the city's population (as of 1936)

Ukrainians	38%
Great Russians	35%
Jews	21%
Poles	2%
Others	4%

11. Miscellany

The following materials may be used to obtain locations of, and in some instances further information on, items requested in paragraphs 5 through 10 of the requirement:

a. Section on Kharkov of "Führer durch die Sowjet-Union" (Guide Through the Soviet Union), published in 1928 by the Neuer Deutscher Verlag, Berlin (GMD8 document)

b. A city map dated 1932, issued in Apr 1941 as part of the Militärgeographische Angaben Ukraine by the German Army General Staff, (GMD8 document H29/ID2.24 b).

Information on plants which operated during the occupation may be found in GMD8 document No W1/ID2.824; photographs of destroyed plants in document No W1/2.789 and others of the same series.

Sources:

With one exception, all above data are based on captured files of German Army field units and of the Sicherheitspolizei und SD.

The figures of the city's ethnic composition were obtained from the source mentioned under paragraph 11 a. above.

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